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# VICTORIA 2 ARSENAL 1

**NO, that headline is not a joke. Victoria did beat Arsenal 2-1, in the Super 6 tournament last week in Brisbane.**

The Victorians, competing in the six team tournament against some of the best players in England and in an unfamiliar format covered themselves with glory as well as winning themselves \$3000 in the play-offs.

On the opening night, Thursday, they beat Arsenal in their first game, with Charlie Egan and Mike Petersen scoring.

They went down 1-4 to Manchester City in the next game the same night, with the goal coming from captain Alan Davidson.

That was when they found out just how physically demanding this six-a-side non-stop version of the game can be.

The next night, Friday, they shone again, holding English

Super 6 champions Nottingham Forest to a 2-2 draw and then beating New South Wales 3-1 in their second game.

On the third and last night, a tired Victoria went down 2-0 to Queensland, but had done enough to finish in fourth place on the ladder, behind the professionals of Manchester City, Forest and Arsenal.

That earned them a play-off for third place against Arsenal, which had they won would have netted them \$11,000.

But Arsenal won that encounter 2-1 with Charlie Egan finding the net again and the Vics had to be content with fourth place prize money of \$3000.

Nottingham Forest, which had lost 3-2 against Manchester City in its first game on the Saturday showed its class to turn the tables in the play-off for first place and walked away with the \$23,000 winners cheque.

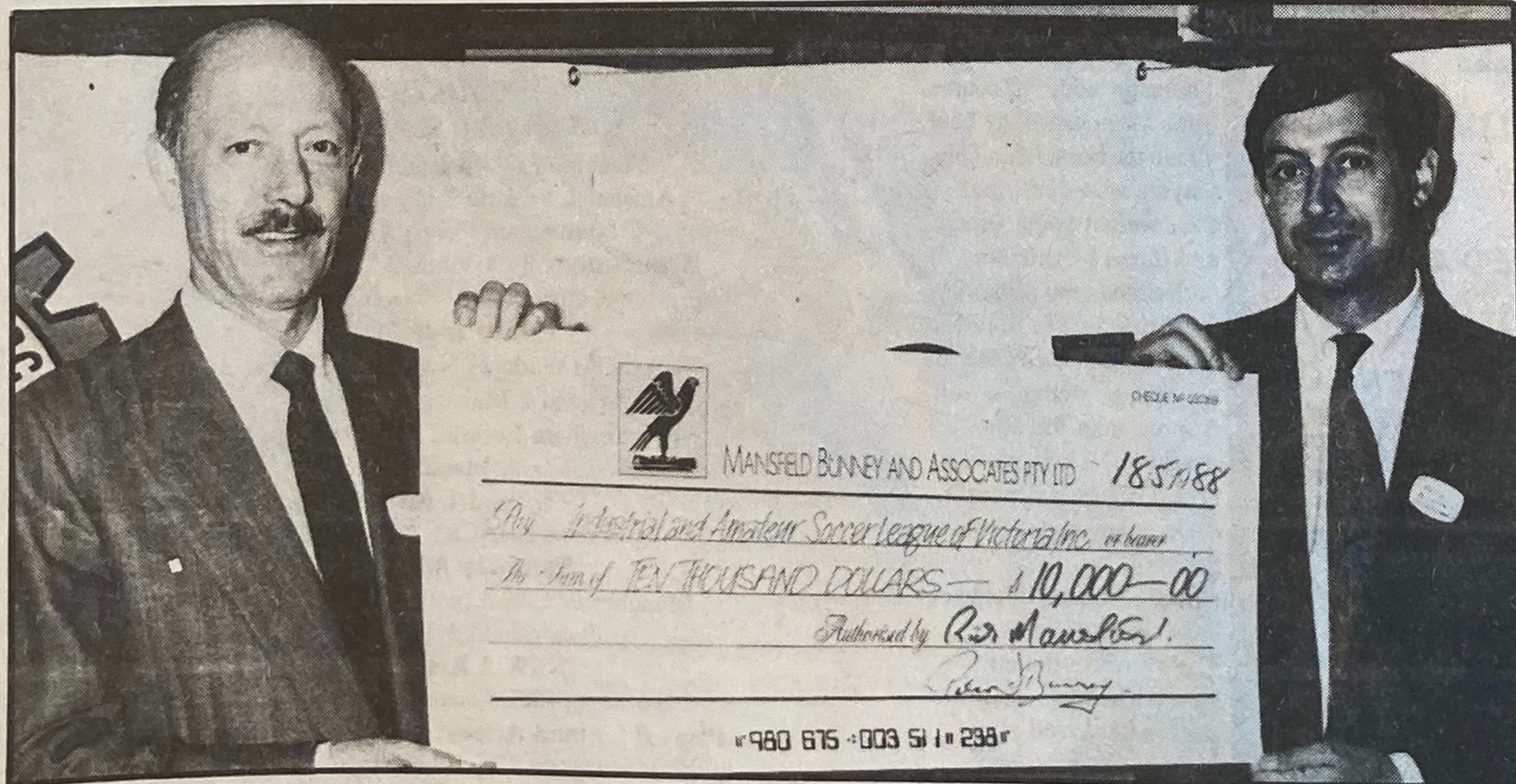
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● Frank Farina and Jeff Olver with the Super Six Cup.



● Eddie Thomson — future at Olympic in doubt? See Page 2



● Rick Mansfield and Peter Bunney, joint managing directors of Mansfield Bunney and Associates with their sponsorship cheque.

● The Industrial League of Victoria, with commendable enterprise has stolen a march on the other amateur leagues by bringing a major sponsor for 1988 and possibly beyond.



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I hereby solemnly swear that this is the last time I will write about the MacDowall affair, but what happened last Saturday still makes my blood boil.

MacDowall, in company with Juventus manager Joe Caruso and the club's solicitor Ivan Ciardullo flew to Sydney for his appeal hearing.

All three were admitted into the appeal room, but only MacDowall was allowed to speak and he was given two minutes to state his case.

He wasn't present, of course when the ban was imposed in the first case.

The way that the matter has been handled is nothing but a bloody disgrace and a blot on our game.

The people who decided to punish MacDowall for the third time should be ashamed of themselves.

What makes it all the worse is that two of the officials who sat in judgment on him have played the game themselves... Charlie Perkins and our own Jack Reilly.

Even if the rest of the ASF can't understand a

# SNIPPETS

player's feelings, you'd think that they would be able to.

And where was Frank Arok when the chips were down?

Did the man who talked about "mad dogs" and referred to MacDowall as "the sort of bastard I want in my team" stand up to be counted?

No way, even though everybody else connected with the Soccerroos from Eddie Thomson to the newest recruit stuck up for him.

Why, oh why, didn't the ASF tell the Australian Olympic Federation to go and jump, instead of meekly caving in as it did?

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**THE Offside Club held a very successful lunch on Cup-Final eve, with guest speakers Terry Hennessy, Brian Garvey and Alun Evans telling us all about Cup-tie football.**

Plenty of well-known faces attended, but one conspicuous by his absence was the fellow

who bid \$500 for Charlton's autographed shirt at the dinner back in February.

He snaffled the shirt, but so far the Club hasn't seen the colour of his money. Snip, snip.

The Offside Club's next function will be a big black tie bash in honour of the great Pele himself.

Pele will be here as FIFA's ambassador at the Centenary Gold Cup and arrives in Melbourne on July 6.

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**MAY hasn't exactly been a merry month for Harry Michaels, Australia's answer to Britain's tycoon Robert Maxwell.**

Michaels, a legend in his own mind, is busily importing star players for an appearance or two for Wollongong but was thwarted two weeks ago when the NSL knocked back the paperwork for Alan Brazil.

That was bad enough, but then his London agent boo-boomed on an exit visa for ex England captain Butch Wilkins who should

have come out for a three game stint with Trevor Francis.

So instead of turning up in Wollongong Wilkins is now on holiday in Italy.

Thwarted over Wilkins, Michaels turned his attention to trying to persuade Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough to let his son Nigel guest for the Wolves.

Clough turned him down flat, no doubt feeling that England manager Bobby Robson wouldn't be too happy about his hot new striker being left behind in Australia.

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**BRISBANE Lions is a cock-a-hoop over new signing Frank Cole from Perth Croatia. Cole, 1987 West Australian Rothmans Medal winner made his NSL debut on Sunday and impressed.**

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**JUVENTUS coach Manfred Schaefer talking about Eddie Thomson sacking Marshall Soper: "I can't believe it, I'd play him any day."**

"I'm going to ask the (Juve) board if we can buy him, or failing that, we'll try to get him on loan."

Three years ago the same Government ruled that the game, if it was to be played at all must be played on a midweek evening.

But because of the meaningless Rous Cup, this year the match went ahead last Saturday afternoon.

Result... mayhem as

over 223 were arrested and the Underground rail service was brought to a standstill.

It was, as respected journalist Brian Glanville had predicted in The Sunday Times, the "Caledonian hordes v England psychopaths" and there is worse to come.

Despite the experience of Brussels, the unbelievably inept European Football Union (UEFA) is still prepared to sell tickets on match days to all comers during next month's European championships.

It was this policy of selling tickets indiscriminately that indirectly led to the Heysel Stadium disaster three years ago.

As one yobbo direfully predicted after Saturday's skirmish "we'll be out in force next month... it'll be a blitzkrieg (when England plays Holland)".

You can forget about English clubs ever playing in Europe again. That's not just my opinion, it's the view shared by Brian Clough, Mel Machin and George Graham.

It wasn't a matter of managers respectively of Nottingham Forest, Manchester City and Arsenal, interviewed in Sydney on their way to the Super 6 competition in Brisbane.

Some of the English clubs themselves don't help either.

When Wimbledon won



By LES SHORROCK

**WILL THEY EVER LEARN DEPARTMENT. It is very hard to believe that the British Government is sincere about cleaning up British soccer's image after the amazing decision to allow the England v Scotland game to go ahead on a Saturday afternoon at Wembley.**

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Everybody, players and spectators alike enjoyed the tournament and it is to be hoped that plans to bring the tournament to Melbourne next year will come to fruition.

The Victorian party was very taken with the idea and there is every possibility that an off-season competition along the same lines might be launched here.

### RESULTS

#### Thursday May 19

Manchester City 3 Queensland 2  
Arsenal 1 Victoria 2 (Egan, Petersen)  
Nottingham Forest 2 NSW  
Manchester City 4 Victoria 1 (Davidson)  
Queensland 0 NSW 2

#### Friday May 20

Victoria 2 (Wade 2) Nottingham Forest 2  
Arsenal 2 Manchester City 0  
Nottingham Forest 2 Queensland 0  
Victoria 3 (Trimboli, Markovski, Egan) NSW 1  
Queensland 1 Arsenal 5  
Manchester City 3 NSW 0

#### Saturday May 21

Manchester City 3 Nottingham Forest 2  
Queensland 2 Victoria 0  
NSW 2 Arsenal 3  
Play-off for fifth. Queensland 3 NSW 0  
Play-off for third. Arsenal 2 Victoria 1 (Egan)  
Final Manchester City 2 Nottingham Forest 4

Paul Simpson of Manchester City was voted player of the tournament and John Markovski of Victoria was voted Discovery of the tournament.

Victoria's squad: Jeff Oliver, Zoran Nikitovic, Alan Davidson, Oscar Crino, Mike Petersen, Paul Wade, Steve Jackson, John Markovski, John Anastasiadis, Charlie Egan, Paul Trimboli. Coach Tim White.

## HIGH ROLLERS HEAD FOR TROUBLE

**AFTER more than 35 years in soccer journalism I have long lost count of the number of times I have heard or read those immortal words "you can't buy success".**

Believe it or not, this is the first time I have actually used them because I know there are times, I have to admit, when this cliched old sentiment has a ring of unarguable truth about it.

I am moved to reconsider my opinion on the matter because of the plight of two of the State League's high-rollers.

The desperation Oakleigh and Fawkner must feel at being in the bottom six on the ladder and fully aware of the precariousness of that position has manifested itself in a cheque-writing orgy which surely has their respective bank managers searching the situations vacant columns of the local press.

Oakleigh can afford to feel a little less embarrassed since its financial outlay is relatively modest compared to Fawkner's.

It recently paid South Melbourne \$9000 for Carl Halford as a back-up to the less expensive Danny Ward and Alex Livingstone.

Perhaps this frugal attitude is responsible for them being at the bottom of the league.

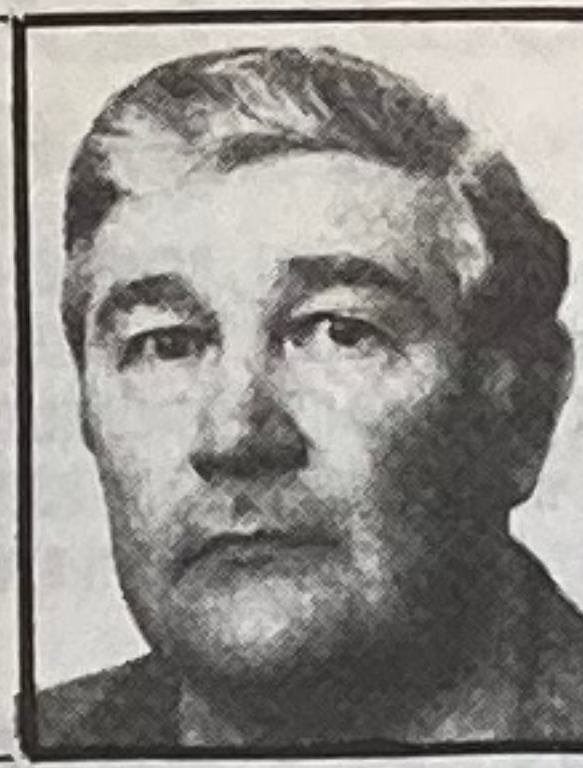
There is no doubt the real star of the transfer market is Fawkner, which has acquired a certain reputation this season for enjoying the limelight.

It sacked coach Frank McAleer after only two games, but not before he had added Dean Hennessy, Robert Cullen and Kees Storm to last season's squad.

Since then, his replacement, Mike Lynn, has paid out \$6000 for Scott Fraser and \$8000 for Eddie Campbell and is contemplating spending another \$8000 (probably) on Alex Dick, who would leave Oakleigh to sail in another leaky boat.

Of course the transfer fees are only what

By BOB BRIAN of the Melbourne Herald



you see on the surface. There are signing-on fees and match payments which, in some cases, would not be out of place in the National League.

Not surprisingly, the actual amount of money spent by these two clubs since the season began and they felt the first division tagging at the coat tails is unlikely to be revealed until the treasurer's report is made to the annual meeting.

But it is considerable in each case and, up to now, the rewards leave much to be desired. Perhaps things will turn up all right in the end. It would certainly come as a huge relief if they do. But the point surely is: Is it all worth it?

The top four State League clubs — Heidelberg, St Albans, Northcote and Green Gully — have built their successful teams on a modest budget, while the indisputable fact is that all the biggest spenders are already virtually out of contention for the championship.

Can it be that important to remain in the State League that a club will spend the kind of money it surely can't afford to maintain its status?

What is the point if it probably means having to do the same thing all over again next season?

Better, I would say, to accept a season lower down and use it to build a team good enough for the State League.



● Carl Halford. Oakleigh paid South Melbourne \$9000 for him.

That is not a defeatist attitude. Last season not one State League club showed any enthusiasm for the idea of winning promotion to the West End National League for the very good reason that they couldn't afford it.

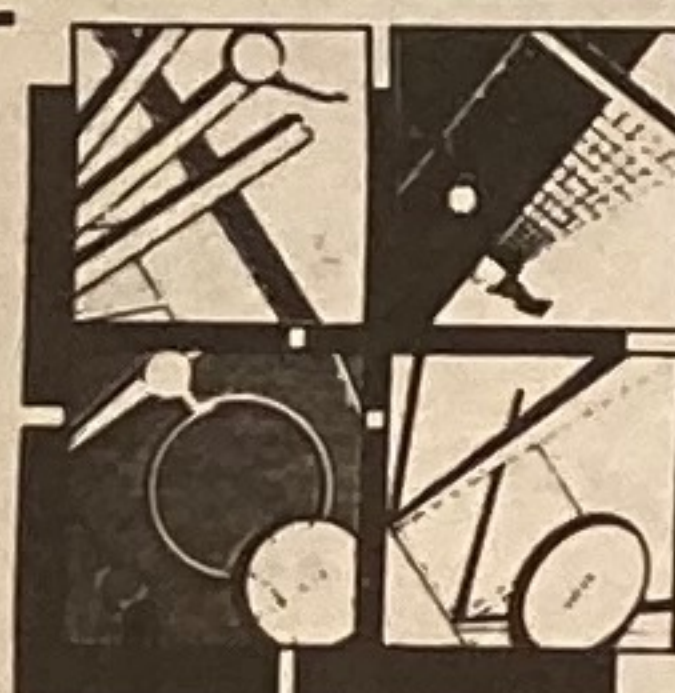
It's not difficult to understand clubs wanting to play at the best possible level, but not if it

could mean financial ruin.

I am not saying Oakleigh and Fawkner are in that predicament.

But at the moment their financial investments are not producing the expected return.

Maybe it is true that you can't buy success!



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● Eddie Campbell. Fawkner bought him for \$8000.

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## NATIONAL LEAGUE ROUND-UP

## ROUND FIFTEEN DETAILS

WOLLONGONG 2 (Francis 6th, Brazil 87th) ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Melta pen. 28th)

At Brandon Park, Sunday. Crowd 2539. Referee R. Lorenc.  
WOLLONGONG: Young — Skeen, Vlietstra, Easthorpe, Hollifield — Ainsworth (Kotamanides 55th), Cokely, Brodnik, Crainie (Stefanovski 65th) — Francis, Brazil. Coach John Fleming.  
ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica — .Shillabeer, Flounders, Nyskohus, Tobin — Melta, Santrac, Northcote, Villani — Maxwell, Miller (Vidmar 65th). Coach Zoran Matic.

SYDNEY CROATIA 3 (Lamond 4th, Arnold 42nd, Slater 47th) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2 (Smith 6th, Dimovski 54th)

At Croatian Sports Centre, Sunday. Crowd 5000. Referee D. Voutsinas.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken — Savor Rozic, Hunter, Jennings — Clinch, Jones, Arnold, Petkovic (Rezo 70th) — Slater, Lamond. Coach Vedran Rozic.  
PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianides — Opasinis (Roodhouse HT), Jackson, Tasevski, McLennan — Campbell (Dimovski HT), Gojevic, Stewart, Petrov — Stevenson, Smith. Coach Ron Campbell.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (Trimboli 18th) FOOTSCRAY 1 (Spink 81st)

At Middle Park, Sunday. Crowd 5000. Referee J. McConnell.  
SOUTH MELBOURNE: McLaren — Anezakis, Fernandes, Blair, Postecoglou — Healey Wade, Tasios, Kalogeros (Tsolakis 80th) — Wright, Trimboli. Coach Brian Garvey.  
FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic — Deankovic — Van Egmond, Mitrevski, Barjaktarevic, Fabrizio — Murphy, Bozinovski, Crino — Spink, Dimovski. Coach Mirsad Fazlagic.

ST GEORGE 1 (Ollerenshaw 64th) MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (White 53rd)

At St George Stadium, Sunday. Crowd 1633. Referee R. Davies.  
ST GEORGE: Gibson — Ricoy, Moffitt, O'Connor, Grbevski — O'Shea, Koczka, Pottier, Ilic (Tortevski 60th) — Ollerenshaw, Bingley (Choi 78th). Coach Frank Arok.  
MELBOURNE CROATIA: Olver — Davidson, Hannah, Dunn, Heys — Biskic, Donnelly (Talajic 75th), Selemides, Scott — Lewis, White. Coach Ian Wallace.

APIA LEICHHARDT 1 (Ketsakides o.g. 90th) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS (Campelj 67th, Markovac 87th, Markovski 91st)

At Lambert Park, Sunday. Crowd 1590. Referee W. Montevede.  
APIA LEICHHARDT: Pezzano — De Marigny, Yankos, Bertogna, M. Brown — Butler, Bundalo, Zajmi (Phillips HT), Parison — McKinna, R. Brown. Coach Rale Rasic.  
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh — Marth, Waddell, Parton, Campelj — McLaren, Markovac, Carter, Markovski — Clark, Lennon (Ketsakides 75th). Coach John Gardiner.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1 (Palatsides 89th. pen) MARCONI 1

At Olympic Village, Sunday. Crowd 1613. Referee J. Fraser.  
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Laumets — Durakovic, Brown, McDowall, Yzendoom — Herd, Petersen (Lewis 83rd), Palatsides, Lane — Zinni, Egan. Coach Manfred Schaefer.  
MARCONI: Catlin — Carter, Henderson, Calderan, Wheatley — Gray (inj. Gunning 53rd), Gomez (Lowe 85th), McCulloch, Nasteviski — de Jong, Farina. Coach Berti Mariani.

BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Meredith 4th) SYDNEY OLYMPIC (Raskopoulos 65th)

BRISBANE LIONS: Kearton — Cummings, Hunter, Mengotti, Niven — Ogden (Clarkson 72nd), Bassingthwaite, Stewart, Meredith — Cole, Lightbown (Dwyer 65th). Coach Juan Cutillas.  
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Gosling — Barrett (Lee 70th), Haniotis (Dakos 30th), Coady, Ironside — Phillips, Raskopoulos, Pontidas, Saad — Kosmina, Patalis. Coach Eddie Thomson.

## HOW THEY STAND

## YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS

CLARINDA 1 MELBOURNE CROATIA 3  
CLIFTON HILL 2 CAULFIELD CITY 4  
HEIDELBERG 1 OAKLEIGH 4  
SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 FOOTSCRAY 0  
WAV/MULG 3 PRESTON 3

YOUTH LEAGUE — ROUND 17  
Sunday May 29th

CAULFIELD CITY v PRESTON 1pm  
MELBOURNE CROATIA v CLIFTON HILL 12.30pm  
FOOTSCRAY v CLARINDA 12.30pm  
NUNAWADING CITY v SOUTH MELBOURNE 1pm  
OAKLEIGH v BRUNSWICK UK 1pm  
SUNSHINE GX v HEIDELBERG UNITED 12.30pm  
BYE v WAVERLEY/MULGRAVE UNITED

## LEADING GOALSCORERS

11. Farina (Marc)	McKinna (APIA)
9. Lewis (Mel.Cro. 2 pens)	Markovski (G.X)
Spink (Footsc)	Mengotti (Lions)
8. Maxwell (Adcity)	Moffitt (St.G)
7. Lamond (Syd Cr)	Mullen (Adcity)
Nasteviski (Marc)	Murphy (M.Cro)
6. Lamond (Syd Cr)	Ogden (Lions)
Palatsides (Juve 3 pens)	Parton (G.X)
Arnold (Syd Cr)	Patalis (Syd.O)
Easthorpe (Woll)	Pontidas (Syd.O)
Ollerenshaw (St.G)	Slater (Syd. CR)
Postecoglou (S.M 3 pens)	Smith (P.M)
5. Dimoski (Footsc)	Stevenson (P.M)
Egan (Juve)	
Meredith (Lions)	
Phillips (APIA)	
Saad (Olymp) (2pens)	
Trimboli (S.M)	
Vidmar (Adcity)	
4. Brazil (Woll)	
Clark (G.X)	
Crino (Footsc)	
Gray (Marc)	
Koczka (St.G)	
Kosmina (Syd.O)	
Melta (4 pens)	
Stewart J (P.M)	
Stewart R (Lions 3 pens)	
Tasios (S.M)	
3. Brodnik (Woll)	
Bundalo (Apia)	
Campelj (G.X)	
Carter (G.X)	
Gomez (Marc)	
Lennon (G.X)	
Lightbown (Lions)	
McLaren (G.X)	
Slater (Syd Cr)	
Talidosos (S.M)	
Wright (S.M)	
2. Ainsworth (Woll) (1pen)	
Biskie (Mel Cr)	
Brown R (APIA)	
Campbell (P.M)	
Crainie (Woll)	
Dwyer (Lions)	
Druery (Lions)	
Fabrizio (Footsc)	
Fletcher (St.G)	
Ilic (St.G)	
Lowe (Marc)	

## NSL LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MARCONI	16	9	4	3	31	13	22
SOUTH MELB.	16	8	4	3	23	17	20
WOLLONGONG	15	8	2	5	24	21	20
SYDNEY CR.	16	9	2	5	24	21	20
GEORGE CROSS	16	7	4	5	23	18	18
Melb. Croatia	16	6	5	5	16	17	17
Sydney Olympic	16	5	6	5	17	14	16
Adelaide City	16	5	6	5	21	20	16
Footscray	16	3	8	5	21	20	14
APIA Leichhardt	16	5	4	7	19	24	14
St George	16	5	3	8	25	23	13
Preston Mak.	16	2	8	6	14	21	12
Brisbane Lions	15	4	3	8	21	30	11
Brunswick Juv.	16	2	4	10	15	29	8

## YOUTH LEAGUE LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SOUTH MELB.	15	10	5	0	36	15	25
GEORGE CROSS	14	10	2	2	57	13	22
B. JUVENTUS	13	8	4	1	39	9	29
PRESTON MAK.	15	9	1	5	39	31	19
OAKLEIGH	14	7	4	3	30	30	18
Clifton Hill	15	5	5	5	36	45	15
Melb. Croatia	15	5	4	6	33	32	14
Clarinda	14	6	0	9	29	45	12
Footscray	15	5	1	8	20	25	11
Nunawading C.	14	4	3	7	22	32	11
Caulf. City	14	4	3	7	20	30	11
Heidelberg	15	2	5	8	19	25	9
Wav/Mulgrave	15	0	1	14	19	57	1



● Warren Spink catching up with Frank Farina

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APIA LEICHHARDT 1 (Ketsakides og 90th) SUNSHINE (Campelj 67th, Markovac 87th, Markovski 92st)

MAN OF THE MATCH:  
● ● ●  
JOHN CAMPELJ

APIA Leichhardt goalkeeper Tony Pezzano was all that stood between Sunshine George Cross and an embarrassing scoreline for the Sydney Club.

Sunshine finished 3-1 victors after missing a penalty and watching in disbelief as Pezzano stranded off a string of second-half saves.

Coach Rale Rasic claimed two offside decisions by the linesmen had altered the run of play. Apia striker Laurie McKinna put the ball in the net in the 53rd minute from a Tony Parison-Jean Paul de Marigny leadup but referee Bill Montevede overturned the goal after conferring with the linesman.

And in the 86th minute, an almost-entire Apia defence appeal for offside was ignored by the referee as Robert Markovac ran through to give Sunshine a 2-0 lead.

"It's unheard of to call a player offside with defenders on the goal-line while in the second goal. Markovac was at least three to five metres offside," Rasic said.

"But I can't deny Sunshine's fighting spirit or our shocking midfield or attack. We had seven to eight chances and our only score came from an own goal."

Defender John Campelj broke the scoreless deadlock in the 67th minute. John Markovski slanted a

crossfield pass to the unmarked Campelj who angled the ball past Pezzano from 15 metres.

The Sydney team was applying pressure to the Sunshine backline but was finding it difficult to penetrate the stubborn defence although twice hitting the posts.

With one minute to go, the pressure paid off when Apia fullback de Marigny slammed a drive at the Sunshine goal where defender Ketsakides deflected the ball into the net while trying to clear.

The goal spurred the visitors into a final effort and seconds later Markovski was left open space with Pezzano stranded to tuck the ball away and post the third goal in five minutes.

Pezzano had raised the hopes of his team — right on half time when Gary Clark was tackled by Arno Bertogna and the big keeper dived to his right to stop Markovac's penalty attempt.

Markovac and Markovski were a constant worry to the Apia defence with fine wing runs by Mark Lennon, Andrew Marth and Clark.

Apia marshalled its defence well but had little control of midfield, leaving huge gaps for the visitors to use, while wasting its attack with poorly placed crosses and shots.

"We've not been able to field the same team twice in the past six weeks. Apia had some chances but most of their attempts were from outside the penalty area," Sunshine coach John Gardiner said.

"We always had a player free for attack, even bringing the fullbacks up to the penalty area as we pushed forward."

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## Lucky draw for St. George

ST GEORGE 1 (Ollerenshaw 64th) MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (White 53rd)

MAN OF THE MATCH:  
● ● ●  
MIKE GRBEVSKI

A CLASSICAL goal fashioned by leftback Mike Grbevski and confidently executed by Soccerroo striker Scott Ollerenshaw, saved St George's bacon against Melbourne Croatia at St George Stadium.

The 1-1 final scoreline provided a fair indication of play with the standard picking up in the second half after a languid first period.

Ollerenshaw's 64th-minute equaliser resulted from a sharp Grbevski cross from near the touchline.

Ollerenshaw chested the ball to perfection, dropping it on to his left boot to fire a scorching 20 metre volley past Jeff Olver in Croatia's goal.

Until that stage a draw had looked to be beyond St George's reach.

Melbourne Croatia striker Dale White had scored eight minutes after the resumption.

He received outside the St George goal area, made space by playing off a defender and angled his shot into goal well wide of keeper Mike Gibson.

After the game Saints coach Frank Arok said that he had trouble in motivating his team. "We are losing away and drawing at home. It is a recipe for disaster," he said.

"I think players are dead scared of possible

relegation. Somehow they will have to snap out of it." Melbourne Croatia coach Ian Wallace said; "We would have settled for one point beforehand but as it turned out we were unlucky not to collect two."

"Paul Lewis had a couple of chances and Dale White another."

Talented St George youngster Matthew Bingley made an encouraging debut. He was replaced by defender Kyeong Sik Choi after 73 minutes as Arok endeavored to preserve a precious point.

## Sydney Croatia guns down Makedonia

SYDNEY CROATIA 3 (Lamond 4th Arnold 42nd Slater 47th) PRESTON 2 (Smith 6th Dimovski 54th)

MAN OF THE MATCH:  
● ● ●  
ALAN HUNTER

SYDNEY Croatia moved to within two points of the competition lead when it beat Preston 2-2 at the Croatian Sports Centre.

Although nowhere near best form, Croatia held too many guns, especially in the forward line for the hapless Melbourne visitors.

Robbie Slater, Manis Lamond and Graham Arnold helped themselves to all three goals and showed they were one of the most lethal strike combinations in the league.

But while there was plenty to smile about as far as attack was concerned, not much could be said for Croatia's normally reliable defence.

Apart from Alan Hunter, who had one of his best games since joining the club at the start of the season, the Croatia back four looked lethargic and allowed Preston two soft goals.

There were times late in the second half when the Preston attack had the locals under pressure and it was only some fine work from Hunter which kept

them out.

Croatia captain coach Vedran Rozic admitted the performance was not one of the club's best this season.

"We did not play well, especially our defence, but that win was very important just the same," Rozic said.

"We now have two away games in a row and if we had lost today it would have made things difficult for us."

Croatia shares equal third on the championship ladder with Wollongong City on 20 points just two points behind leaders Marconi.

Croatia plays champions Apia at Lambert Park this Sunday and Rozic

believes that game could make or break his team's title hopes.

Unfortunately for Rozic, he is in danger of missing the match.

He played the entire second half on Sunday with his left knee heavily bandaged after receiving a knock early in the game.

There was an amazing start to the match with Croatia scoring through Lamond after just two minutes only to see Preston equalise 30 seconds later through a Steve Smith header.

Croatia grabbed the lead two minutes from half time when Arnold scored after good lead up work from Slater, Lamond and Shane Clinch.

Croatia grabbed the lead two minutes after the start of the second half when Slater darted down the left wing then cut inside before slamming a superb right foot shot into the back of the net from just outside the penalty area.

Croatia should have gone further ahead but its players panicked in front of goal.

Preston came back into the match when replacement Goce Dimovski scored after a mix-up in the 56th minute.

## JUVENTUS FIGHTS BACK

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1 (Palatsides 89th. pen) MARCONI 0

AFTER this result, Juventus supporters are entitled to hope that relegation can still be averted.

Juve went about its task of tackling the League leaders, the classiest team in the competition, with such zest that it was hard to believe that it was the same team that had just lost its last ten games straight.

It had been thirteen games since Juve had last saluted, but if it continues to show the same drive and urgency, the next win can't be far away.

Despite having to do without Scott Patterson, Fabio Incantalupo and

Vlatko Belic, all suspended, coach Manfred managed to concoct a combination that all day gave Marconi as good as it got.

Sean Lane was a revelation and looked like the player he was when Juventus bought him from Preston for \$30,000 two years ago.

There was another big bonus for Juve too, in the shape of Willie Herd.

Classy Herd finally shook off his injury jinx and brought a new dimension of skill to Juve's midfield, whilst Mehmet Durakovic hardly gave Frank Farina a smell at goal.

There's a new air of confidence, at the back now, all emanating from goalkeeper Peter Laumets, whose non-stop

stream of advice, praise and curses in equally qualities kept his defenders' minds on the job.

MAN OF THE MATCH:  
● ● ●  
GARRY McDOWALL

Marconi, having thrown everything it could at Juve and failed, had clearly settled for a draw when Tommy McCulloch was unlucky enough to get his hands to a Charlie Egan shot and Joe Palatsides gleefully banged home the spot-kick.

They say that fortune favours the brave, and that penalty could eventually prove to be Juve's salvation.

## Spink maintains pressure on Farina

SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (Trimboli 18th) FOOTSCRAY 1 (Spink 81st)

MAN OF THE MATCH:  
● ● ●  
PAUL TRIMBOLI

WARREN Spink maintained his pressure on National Soccer League top scorer Frank Farina of Marconi by grabbing Footscray's equaliser in a 1-1 draw with South Melbourne at Middle Park.

Spink now has nine goals after scoring in his past three matches, while Farina has 11 to his tally. The point gives Footscray an outside chance of climbing into the top five. Footscray dominated the second half in a highly skilful encounter.

South Melbourne was rejoined by Paul Trimboli and Paul Wade while Footscray regained Soccerroo Oscar Crino.

The three stars had been playing for Victoria in the international six-aside tournament in Brisbane.

But only Trimboli was able to show his best form, the other two looking decidedly jaded.

Trimboli scored a classic goal in the 18th minute when he turned past his marker, Gary van Egmond and then dribbled around Luciano Fabrizio before placing a low shot into the net.

Crino almost equalised in the 7th minute but his shot bounced down off the cross-bar, enabling goalkeeper Bruce McLaren to pounce on it.

Footscray coach Mirsad Fazlagic reshuffled his line-up slightly at half-time, resulting in a more orderly approach which enabled Footscray to take control of the match.

South Melbourne midfielder David Healy went on a brilliant run past three opponents and squared the ball to Trimboli whose shot hit the post.

The equalising goal came nine minutes from the end when Crino's through ball sent Spink on a vigorous run into the penalty area before the little striker belted a low shot past McLaren.

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# PRESTON MAKEDONIA APPOINTS NEW COACH

**ANDON Donceviski, the man who led Vardar Skopje to the Yugoslav First Division championship last year, is the new coach of Preston Makedonia.**

Donceviski, 48, who played for Vardar Skopje and Yugoslavia, has signed until the end of the 1988 season.

He takes over from Makedonia mid-fielder, Ron Campbell, who was caretaker coach for seven matches after the club sacked Ernie Merrick.

"He had various offers from European clubs, including one from Panathinaikos of Greece, but we finally persuaded him to join us after first approaching him during Vardar's Australian tour early last year," Preston Makedonia spokesman John Gloufchev said.

"He is the most accomplished coach Makedonia has had, and I'm sure he will appreciate

the work that has been done for him by Ron Campbell. We are all proud of the way the players got behind Ron during these difficult weeks."

Vardar's championship triumph under Donceviski last year was the Club's first in 54 years.

When he left at the weekend Vardar was confident of finishing the current season in fifth place.

Donceviski will recruit a top class Yugoslav player to stiffen Makedonia's resistance to relegation.

When he joined, the team was only one point outside the relegation zone, following a 2-3 loss to Sydney Croatia.

Other coaching changes so far this season have been at Marconi where Bert Mariari replaced Roberto Vieri and Brunswick Juventus where Brian Brown succeeded Len

McKendry only to be reduced to a chairman, a figurehead president and a four man Board. The new executive would administer the N.S.L. which now has its own executive.

The twenty-nine clubs that have been members of the N.S.L. since 1977 have made a total of 198 coaching appointments.

Donceviski is one of three former Yugoslav coaches now with N.S.L. clubs, the others being Mirsad Fazlagic of Footscray and Frank Arok of St. George.

## SWEEPING CHANGES

**The N.S.L. and the States are close to agreeing on radical changes to the administrative structure of both the N.S.L. and the Australian Soccer Federation.**

At a meeting in Sydney at the weekend, the Victorian delegates agreed that a N.S.W. proposal that the 12 man

A.S.F. executive be reduced to a chairman, a figurehead president and a four man Board. The new executive would administer the N.S.L. which now has its own executive.

Two of the four Board members would be nominated by N.S.W. and Victoria, and the other two by the six other State Federations. Two or three full time administrators would be employed to do marketing and run the A.S.F. and N.S.L. on a day to day basis.

The N.S.L. will submit its own proposal for change to the next A.S.F. executive meeting on 18th June, but N.S.L. official, Tony Kovac said, "with a diplomatic sensible

approach, we can achieve for the sport more than we have ever achieved. We do not object to the N.S.L.

being run by a reduced A.S.F. Board, so long as an N.S.L. man is part of the Board.

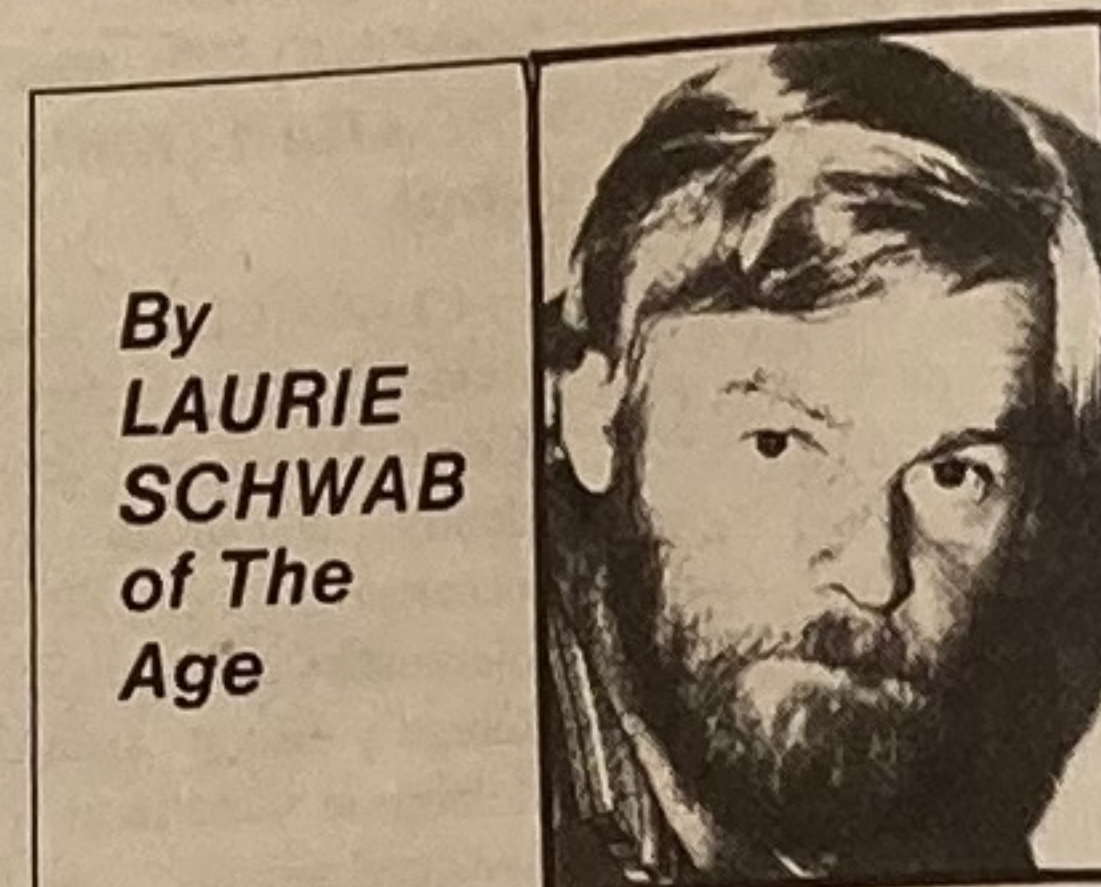
The advantage of the proposal is that it would put everyone under one umbrella, making marketing much easier and giving us a far better chance of getting the backing of a commercial TV network."

Kovac said A.S.F. president Sir Arthur George and all State delegates

determined to put the N.S.L. on a firmer footing.

"I am delighted to say that everyone is behind us and there is no longer any talk about trying to force the N.S.L. clubs to return to State competitions," he said.

The meeting in Sydney rejected a proposal by Western Australia that would have reduced the voting power of N.S.W. and Victoria which between them hold 50 per cent of A.S.F. votes.

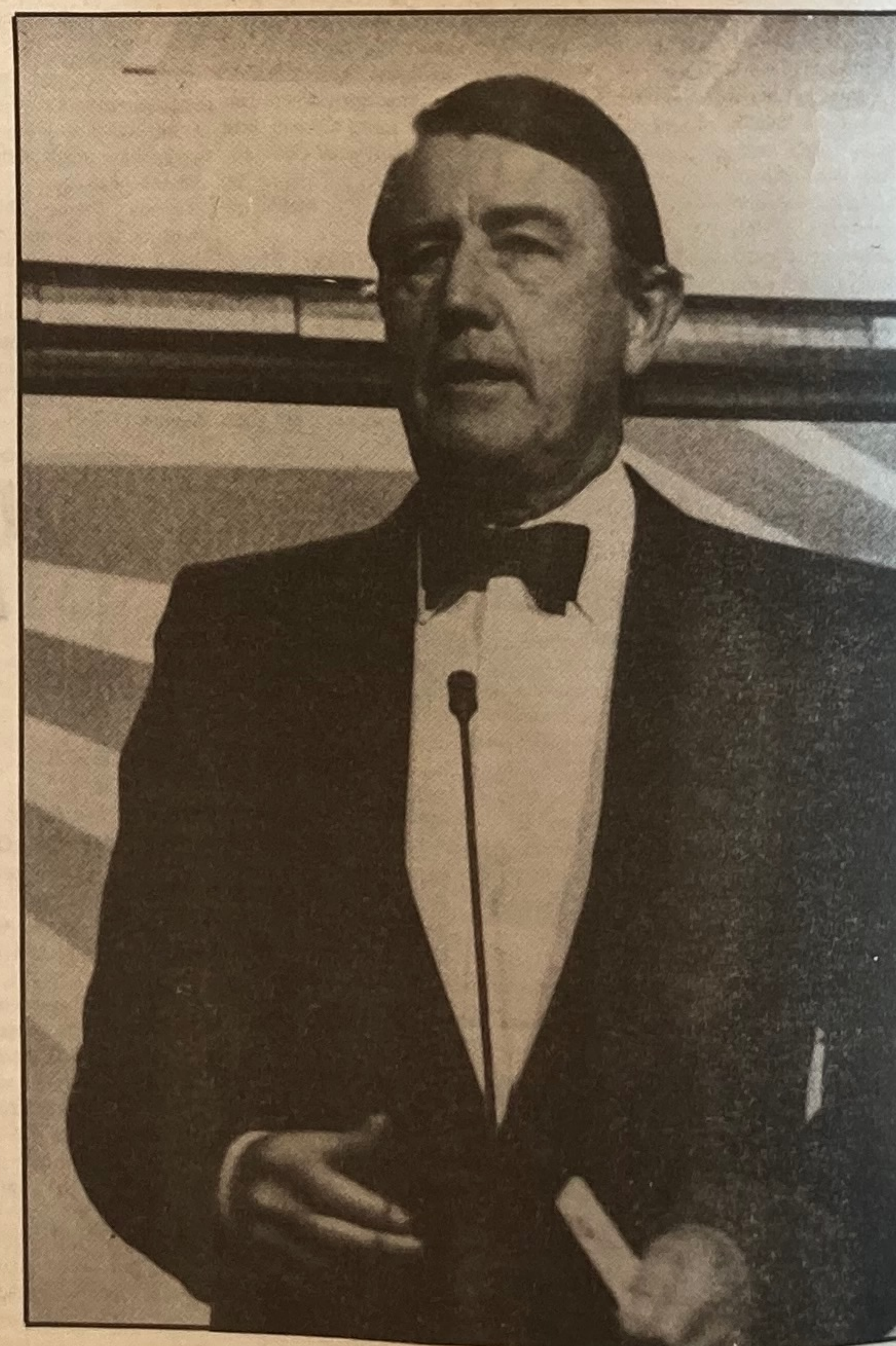


By LAURIE SCHWAB of The Age

Sir Arthur is believed to be interested in becoming figurehead president in a revamped A.S.F. administration, with N.S.W. Federation boss John Constantine as the chairman but it remains to be seen whether he has sufficient votes.

Former N.S.W. Premier Neville Wran, is reported to have said privately that he would accept the A.S.F. presidency if it were offered to him with majority backing of A.S.F. delegates.

A.S.F. vice-president, Charlie Perkins, the secretary of the Aboriginal Affairs Department, has declared himself a presidential candidate, tycoon Alan Bond continues to be mentioned among the possibles and Constantine will seek the presidency if Sir Arthur does not get it.



● Neville Wran, next A.S.F. President?

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Action-Packed Picture Page



● Northcote's Pedro Ramos jumps to it.



● Steve Tasios fails to ruffle Footscray's Luciano Fabrizio.



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● Caulfield's John Bitsonis is sandwiched by Pedro Ramos and Carl Gilder of Northcote.



● Footscray's Ken Murphy beats South's David Healy.

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## ROUND TWELVE DETAILS

**BULLEEN 1 (o.g. 80th) RINGWOOD CITY 1 (Davie 78th).**  
At Veneto Club, Saturday. Referee J. Santa Isabel. Cautions Verniers (R).  
BULLEEN: Contini 7 — Marsan 8, Curulli 8, Krajacic 7, Curcio 7 — Angele 7, Ruccia 7, Bozikas 6, Boarotto 8 — Lujic 7, Avian 6. Coach Jimmy Rooney.  
RINGWOOD CITY: Janssen 8 — Haupt 7, Nolan 8, Cumming 7, Verniers 8 — May 7, Corvan 7, Angulo 8, Wemyss 6 (Cocker 60th) — Davie 7, Nijholt 6. Coach Hans Petersen.  
Ansett best player award: Marsan (B) 3, Verniers (R) 2, Angulo (R) 1.

## MORWELL FALCONS 2 (Drakeford 19th, Cassar 51st) OAKLEIGH 0.

At North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday. Referee J. Rutter. Caution Webster (M.F.).  
MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds 8 — Clarke 7, McMillan 7, Bruns 7, Gotis 7 (Bingham 85th) — Doyle 6, Bennett 6, Drakeford 7, Cassar 7 — Sokoluk 6, Webster 8. Coach Bobby McLachlan.  
OAKLEIGH: Kardamitsis 7 — Gourlias 7, Grutzmacher 7, Henderson 7, Gavardin 5 — Ross 6, Halford 8, Livingstone 6 (Gorst 75th), Kordbache 5 — Nicoides 6, Ward 6. Coach Takis Sviggos.  
Ansett best player award: Webster (M.F.) 3, Reynolds (M.F.) 2, Halford (O) 1.

## THOMASTOWN 4 (McGuinness 34th, pen, 59th, 76th, Carfora 87th) SPRINGVALE CITY 3 (Findlay 11th, Keenan 16th, Boland 64th)

At Partridge Reserve, Saturday. Referee N. Zacharias. Cautions Dougherty, McGuinness (T) Findlay (S).  
THOMASTOWN: Janakievski 6 — Mihailides 6, Higgins 8, Arcoraci 6 (Lewis 72nd), McMillan 7 — Cristaldo 6, Carfora 6, Dogherty 5 (Planalto 60th) Rogers 7 — Athersych 5, McGuinness 8. Coach Bill Burray.  
SPRINGVALE CITY: Boland 5 — Rau 6, Whyte 6, Bissinger 6, Reilly 7 — Findlay 7, Bozik 6, Bell 6, Verechia 7 — Keenan 8, Livingstone 7. Coach Gus MacLeod.  
Ansett best player award: McGuinness (T) 3, Keenan (S) 2, Higgins (T) 1.

## CAULFIELD CITY 2 (Goutzioulis 35th, o.g. 45th) NORTHCOTE CITY 0.

At Princes Park, Saturday. Referee P. Mateski.  
CAULFIELD CITY: Madjer 5 — Bitsonis 7, Harris 9, Fattore 7, Filipou 6 — Theoharous 6, Alagazidis 7, Griffin 6, Hamakiotis 6 — Goutzioulis 8 (Boutsianis 91st), Zemunik 4 (Cuzzella 89th). Coach Rocco Ille.  
NORTHCOTE CITY: Turudia 7 — Leonardos 6, Palmaricciotto 6, Kouremenos 6, J. Constantinou 6 (Georgarakis 65th) — Tsangos 6, Thodis 5 (Temos 70th), P. Constantinou 5, Bekiaris 6 — Ramos 8, Gilder 7. Coach Roy McLaren.  
Ansett best player award: Harris (C) 3, Ramos (N) 2, Goutzioulis (C) 1.

## WESTERN SUBURBS 0 HEIDELBERG UNITED 2 (Ousalkas 30th, Anastasiadis 44th)

At Ralph Reserve, Sunday. Referee T. Sorensen. Cautions O'Dell (H), Hamill, Dimovski (W.S.).  
WESTERN SUBURBS: Hatzilazarou 6 — Kountouris 6, Hamill 7, Pender 6, Esposito 6 — Dimovski 6, Kopsaltis 6, Williams 6, Metaxas 6 — Daley 7, Tuck 8. Coach Jimmy Condlis.  
HEIDELBERG UNITED: Banovic 8 — Kanesoulis 7, Patiniotis 7, Ousalkas 7, Dowie 6 — O'Dell 8, Pappas 7, Lucchesi 9, Raines 7 — Anastasiadis 6, Morovic 6 (Theodosopoulos 85th). Coach Jim Kriaris.  
Ansett best player award: Lucchesi (H) 3, Tuck (W.S.) 2, Banovic (H) 1.

## CROYDON CITY 0 ST ALBANS 0

At Town Park, Sunday. Referee J. Fearn. Cautions Brack, G. Runje (C), Popovski (St. A).  
CROYDON CITY: M. Runje 7 — Brack 6, R. Runje 6, McIntosh 6, Brown 6 — Flavell 7, Campbell 7, van Egmond 6, Middlemast 9 — Humble 7, G. Runje 8. Coach Miron Bleiberg.  
ST ALBANS: Grgic 8 — Dragovic 7, Gagula 7, Colina 8, Kuzman 7 — Duzel 8, Rastocic 6, Kupresak 8, Culina 9 — Popovski 6 (Macan 70th), Kelic 6. Coach Tony Vrzina.  
Ansett best player award: Culina (St.A) 3, Middlemast (C) 2, Duzel (St. A) 1.

## FAWKNER 1 (Brown 84th pen.) BOX HILL 1 (Brimmer 12th)

At Smith Reserve, Sunday. Referee M. Callapietra. Cautions McArthur, McBride (B.H.).  
FAWKNER: Wilson 6 — Schiavello 7, Hennessy 7, Walsh 6, Campbell 7 — Fraser 8, Angele 6, Cullen 7, van Egmond 6 (Storm 75th) — Brown 6, Stenson 6. Coach Mike Lynn.  
BOX HILL: McKinlay 7 — McArthur 7, Hanley 7, Davidson 8, Roodhouse 8 — Burton 7, Brimmer 7, McAleer 8, Thomas 7 — McBride 7, Aretis 7. Coach John Brown.  
Ansett best player award: Roodhouse (B.H.) 3, Fraser (F) 2, Davidson (B.H.) 1.

## GREEN GULLY 1 (Quigley 80th) MARIBYRNONG 0

At Gully Reserve, Sunday. Referee B. Upjohn. Caution Czapnik (M).  
GREEN GULLY: Sant 7 — Napoli 7, Cutler 7, Cannell 7, Grimaud 7 — McClelland 7, Wilson 8, Douglas 7, Christie 6 (Farquarson 70th) — Smart 6 (Quigley 57th), O'Donnell 7. Coach Willie Vassallo.  
MARIBYRNONG: Kostazewa 7 (inj. Dzielakowski 65th) — Lipiarski 7, Innes 7, Chetcuti 7, Smolarek 8 — Czapnik 6, Bonk 7, Watson 7, Baran 6 (Warszawski 33rd) — Lakić 6, de Bono 6. Coach Jim McIntyre.  
Ansett best player award: Wilson (G.G.) 3, Smolarek (M) 2, Cannell (G.G.) 1.

## PACIFIC TIMBER STATE LEAGUE LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
HEIDELBERG	12	9	1	2	24	8	19
NORTHCOTE C.	12	7	3	2	19	8	17
ST ALBANS	12	7	3	2	20	11	17
GREEN GULLY	12	6	4	2	19	9	16
Caulfield City	12	6	4	2	21	14	16
Croydon City	12	6	3	3	14	13	15
Thomastown	12	6	2	4	14	15	14
Morwell Falcons	12	5	3	4	12	11	13
Maribyrnong	12	4	2	6	18	16	10
Bulleen	12	2	5	5	10	16	9
Springvale City	12	3	3	6	9	19	9
Box Hill	12	2	4	6	16	23	8
Fawkner	12	3	2	7	7	15	8
Ringwood City	12	2	3	7	16	22	7
Oakleigh	12	2	3	7	8	17	7
Western Suburbs	12	3	1	8	13	23	7

## STATE LEAGUE RESERVES Round Twelve

WESTERN SUBURBS 1 HEIDELBERG 3  
GREEN GULLY 4 MARIBYRNONG 1  
FAWKNER 2 BOX HILL 1  
CAULFIELD CITY 2 NORTHCOTE CITY 2  
BULLEEN 4 RINGWOOD CITY 4  
MORWELL FALCONS 4 OAKLEIGH 1  
CROYDON CITY 2 ST ALBANS 1  
THOMASTOWN 1 SPRINGVALE CITY 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northcote City	12	9	3	0	37	10	21
Fawkner	12	8	1	3	27	14	17
Green Gully	12	7	2	3	29	15	16
Morwell Falcons	12	7	2	3	25	12	16
Caulfield City	12	5	3	4	27	17	13
Bulleen	12	5	3	4	31	24	13
Ringwood City	12	5	3	4	29	24	13
St Albans	12	5	3	4	22	22	13
Box Hill	12	5	2	5	29	19	12
Heidelberg	12	5	2	5	22	28	12
Croydon City	12	5	1	6	20	15	11
Thomastown	11	3	4	4	19	28	10
Western Suburbs	12	4	2	6	12	31	10
Maribyrnong	12	4	1	7	20	37	9
Springvale City	12	2	0	10	9	31	4
Oakleigh	11	0	0	11	6	40	0

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## STATE LEAGUE BEST PLAYER AWARD Leaders After Round 11

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|---|---|
| 14. Duzel (St.A)<br>Harris (Caul)   | 7. Cannell (G.G)<br>Halford (Oak)<br>Nijholt (Ring)<br>Patiniotis (Heid)  |
| 13. Webster (M.F)   |   |
| 12. Higgins (Thom)<br>Ramos (North)                                       |   |
| 11. Banovic (Heid)<br>Culina (St.A)<br>Roodhouse (B.H)<br>Woodall (North) | 6. Anastasiadis (Heid)<br>Boland (S/vale)<br>Dougherty (Thom)<br>Douglas (G.G)<br>Kardamitsis (Oak)<br>Kostazewa (Mar)<br>Theoharous (Caul) |
| 10. Contini (Bull)<br>Gilder (North)<br>McIntosh (Croy)                   |   |
| 9. Daley (West)<br>Lucchesi (Heid)<br>McKinlay (BH)<br>M. Runje (Croy)    | 5. Baran (Mar)<br>Bozikas (Bull)<br>Bonk (Mar)<br>Burton (B.H)<br>Corvan (R'wood)<br>de Bono (Mar)<br>Lujic (Bull)<br>McClelland (G.G)      |
| 8. Hatzilazarou (West)<br>Quigley (G.G)<br>Warszawski (Mar.)              |   |

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## HEIDELBERG'S LEAD A WINNER?

**NORTHCOTE: PRETENDER OR CONTENDER?  
WILL REFEREES SEE RED AGAIN?**



Bobby McGuinness. His hat trick against Springvale puts him up amongst the leaders.

### LEADING GOALSCORERS

- |                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 8. Goutzioulis (Caul)  | Ramos (North)         |
| 7. McGuinness (Thom)   | Tuck (Wests)          |
| 6. Woodall (North)     |                       |
| 5. Brimmer (B.H)       | 2. Alagazidis (Caul)  |
| Duzel (St.A)           | Aretis (B.H)          |
| Morovic (Heid)         | Bonk (Mar)            |
| Nijholt (Ring)         | Carfora (Thom)        |
| O'Donnell (G.G)        | Cassar (M.F)          |
| Pappas (Heid)          | Davie (Ring)          |
| Runje G. (Croy)        | Drakeford (M.F)       |
| 4. Anastasiadis (Heid) | Hallford (Oak)        |
| Cuzzella (Caul)        | Harris (Caul)         |
| French (Croy)          | Humble (Croy)         |
| Kopsaltis (West)       | Kral (S/vale)         |
| Quigley (G.G)          | Lipiarski (Mar)       |
| Verechia (S/vale)      | McBride (B.H)         |
| Warszawski (Mar)       | Morrey (S/vale)       |
| Zemunik (Caul)         | Ousalkas (Heid)       |
| 3. Baran (Mar)         | Przbyla (Mar)         |
| Bozikas (Bull)         | Roumpas (West)        |
| Brown (F)              | Sokoluk (B.H)         |
| Burton (B.H)           | Theodosopoulos (Heid) |
| Corvan (R'wood)        | Thodis (North)        |
| de Bono (Mar)          | Troglie (Bull)        |
| Lujic (Bull)           | 1 sangos (North)      |
| McClelland (G.G)       | van Egmond (Croy)     |
|                        | Webster (M.F)         |

### IS Northcote City a pretender or a contender?

That question poses itself now, after Northcote's loss to Caulfield City last week.

The loss meant Northcote had picked up only one point in its last three outings and if it did nothing else, it highlighted just how much Martin Woodall means to the team.

Woodall, before he was injured at training had scored six out of Northcote's nineteen goals, three out of the last four scored, in fact.

It is a very high proportion for a man who isn't a striker, but a mid-fielder, and it was obvious last week, as Caulfield's incomparable Paul Harris

shackled Carl Gilder, how much the Northcote attack has been relying on Woodall's strength in backing up.

Northcote could tumble out of the four this week, if it can't stop the rot by beating Fawkner, and if it doesn't stop raining soon.

Funny isn't it, that after the driest April in 60 years, we are suddenly talking about what a leveller the rain can be, and Northcote's John Cain Reserve is a notorious mud-heap.

Fawkner has shown signs in the last two weeks that its big spending is starting to pay off and it could surprise this week.

Now that I've written that, I can visualise Roy McLaren pinning this article on Northcote's dressing room wall!

(He's a great motivator, is Roy.)

Northcote's stumble last week enabled Heidelberg to kick away to a handy two point lead plus a useful five goal advantage in goal difference.

If it comes down to the wire, that goal difference could mean the championship.

Heidelberg's main obstacle on the way to the championship could turn out to be its ground, which already resembles a bog.

Sharing it with Juventus might not be such a great move, after all.

Last week the ground was so bad that Juve's youth game was called off and what visiting Marconi had to say about it wasn't fit to print in a family newspaper.

Heidelberg is lucky enough to be playing away from home again this week, and caretaker coach Jim Kriaris is probably praying for a dry spell again.

The Bergers face a tricky game this week at Maribyrnong, then take on Box Hill at home before the big clash with Northcote away at John Cain Reserve which marks the halfway stage.

If Heidelberg gets through its next two games without loss, Northcote will have to beat it, or the rest of the challengers can start thinking about who's going to be second.

In fact, the more you look at it, the more the situation favours Heidelberg.

It's becoming more and more obvious that only three other clubs (besides Northcote), St Albans, Green Gully and Caulfield can catch the leader, and they are all carrying extra weight in the shape of poorer goal differences which aren't improving.

When they win, they don't win by a big enough margin.

St Albans won't falter too much and will finish in the top four for sure.

And it doesn't seem possible that Northcote can fail after an excellent start, which means that the fourth place in the four rests between Green Gully and Caulfield.

Caulfield had a disastrous start by its standards, going four weeks without a win and remember and since then has chucked away goals with gay abandon.

It has already conceded more than one a game and it seems that no matter how many Goutzioulis and Co bang in at one end the defence

manages to concede more at the other.

I'm sure coach Rocco Ille thinks he is re-living a nightmare every time the opposition forces a corner.

Caulfield travels to Ringwood on Sunday and will probably win, but equally probably is likely to concede a soft goal.

It is doubtful if the next three on the ladder, Croydon City, Thomastown and Morwell Falcons can make the top four, but at least they will have no relegation problems.

The top eight clubs are now separated from the bottom eight by three points, a gap that must be starting to look like a yawning chasm.

And don't forget that six of those bottom eight will be relegated.

suddenly become angels overnight and for sworn visiting Soccer House on Wednesday nights for evermore?

It's highly unlikely, it's more likely that State League referees are showing more common sense than they were, and also it's noticeable that some of the more trigger-happy ones have not been officiating lately.

But in one area some of them are still lacking, and that is in the timekeeping department.

The last two games I've seen at Caulfield both went well over ninety minutes and Caulfield officials still mutter darkly about Maribyrnong's equaliser in the 95th.

Last week, in front of a crowd of 1500, the game between Caulfield and Northcote went to 97

Duzel and Branko Culina on the one hand and Stan Webster on the other.

All three are well in the running for the Ansett Award which is well worth winning.

The other Saturday game is at Oakleigh where the mercurial home side will be tackling Bulleen.

After a poor start, Bulleen is starting to justify Jimmy Rooney's faith in his players.

Bulleen's biggest outlay this year was for Zdravko Lujic, and he repaid that almost straight away when he almost single-handedly destroyed Box Hill, scoring a hat-trick.

That 5-2 win got the Bulleen players believing in themselves and they have had two draws since, including one at Northcote.

I think Bulleen will be too good for Oakleigh, where Carl Halford seems to be holding the fort alone.

On Sunday, Springvale City has a tough assignment with Croydon City.

Gus MacLeod must have been very disappointed with last week's loss to Thomastown, especially as his team led twice only to be downed in the last minute.

But the form of Steve Keenan has been a bonus and this Scottish newcomer will make a big name for himself here.

On the strength of that performance last week I'm going to stick my neck out and go for Springvale to beat Croydon and dare the wrath of my friend Miron Bleiberg.

Springvale and Thomastown could be the only home winners this week, in fact.

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### State League Preview By BRIAN JAMES

It's not so much a case of which six will go down, but which two will be spared... a ridiculous situation before the halfway point of the season.

The Leagues have to be rationalised (or should that be Reillyised?), but it still isn't too late to have a re-think and institute some sort of play-off on the English league lines before so many clubs are consigned to the tip.

Who would be so bold as to stand up and assert that the second top team in the First Division is better than the tenth in the State... because that is what it all boils down to.

THE pick of this week's round could be the Saturday game between St Albans and Morwell Falcons at Churchill Reserve.

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## INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE ROUND-UP

**IN Division 1, Middle Park threw off its lethargy of the last 2 rounds and, in the process, destroyed the luckless ANZ Bank 4-0.**

For the winners, Peter Dwyer notched a hat-trick, with the remaining goal going to Robby McIntyre. While the Bankers were outplayed for most of the match, it was mainly because of poor finishing both in attack and in defence.

At least three times they failed to capitalise on an open goal, and on the same number of occasions, having done all the hard work in defence, made silly mistakes and were justly punished.

The Parkers have now stretched their lead to two points over an improving Altona Ilinden, while St Albans Dynamo dropped to third place after a surprising home loss to Glenroy Doxa. Hampton Park, on the same points as Dynamo, continue to threaten and its 3-0 demolition of Australian Airlines bodes ill for some of the teams ahead of it. Coomoorra Spiders increased their lead at the

top of Division 2M after Northcote United were downed 5-3 by Youth United.

Fibre-makers moved into second with a solid 4-0 win over Springvale Eagles. West Footscray Lerian did itself no harm in drawing 1-1 with Montrose, and Kings Park Heights dropped into last when it lost 1-0 to St. Bernards Old Collegians.

There was no change in the top seven positions in Division 2A, with Windsor, Dandy Dynamo and Rowville United all recording sound wins.

Windsor had it relatively easy in a 4-1 victory over Preston Pythons, but Dandy Dynamo were made to struggle every inch of the way before accounting for Thomastown United 2-1.

Berwick United moved up from tenth to eighth, with a 3-1 victory over Dandenong United, whilst CSUV swapped places with them after being soundly trounced 6-0 by Rowville United.

In Division 3 East, while nine teams win, lose or draw, swapping points amongst themselves, Dallas United goes on its

mercy way and is now the only "first" team in the league with a perfect record. Garden City, Keeley Kings and Bowater have all looked likely challengers at one time or another, but have steadily fallen by the wayside.

But over in 3 West, the Tottenham Mean Machine has clicked into top gear.

The Hams have now gone to a clear lead in this division with a game in hand, after Altona Heights apparently decided that St Albans Wanderers were no great threat and were duly proved wrong.

The Wanderers now move into second spot, a point behind Tottenham, and are playing consistently sound football.

RAAF College remain at the top of Division 4 by virtue of a +22 goal difference whilst Salesian College, after a slightly surprising 2-0 victory over Westall P.I.P.A., have consolidated their grip on third place. The main question remaining in this division is: Can Florida beat RAAF College?

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## REP SQUAD

**Training this week is at Keysborough under match conditions.**

Tuesday, May 24th, at Coomoorra Reserve, Coomoorra Road, Springvale South — Melway 88-J6.

All players on the ground by 6.30 pm please. Next week, League Squad Probables vs. League Squad Possibles — day, time and venue to be announced. Keep in touch with your coach and manager.

## Mansfield Bunny Industrial League Cup Sunday, May 29th

3pm kick-off North Dandenong Sparrows v Altona Taraxien

3pm Rowville Un v Altona I'den

10am ANZ Bank v Windsor

10am Garden City v Altona Heights

10am Youth United v Coomoorra Spiders

10am Highpoint v Bowater

10am Kew Deaf v Preston Pythons

3pm Berwick Un v Westall P.I.P.A.

10am Hampton Park Un v St Albans Wand.

10am Embassy Taxis v St Albans Dynamo

10am Dallas United v Whittlesea

10am Tottenham v Nth. X St Helena

10am Salesian Coll. O.B. v RAAF College

10am Sunbury v Montrose

3pm Thomastown United v Fibremakers

3pm Dandy Dynamo v Middle Park

Footscray United v Dandenong United

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Keings Park Heights v North Dandenong Sp.

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## INTERNATIONALS GET WOLVES BACK ON TRACK

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of magic to put the home team ahead.

He deceived Adelaide's Aurelio Vidmar with close skills and hit home an angled drive which gave goalkeeper Robert Zabica no chance.

Francis hit the crossbar in the second half and was also denied what appeared to be a clear penalty.

In the dressing room after the game, Francis said the game was quite physical but admitted he didn't really know what to expect.

"I thought we should have been given a penalty when I was pulled down," Francis said.

"No matter what country you play in, a striker will expect close marking but when you earn a penalty like that, it becomes very disappointing."

Francis will stay on for the Wolves' next two games and coach John Fleming said he couldn't be happier with the performance of the former English international.

"He did what I expected of him and a bit more considering he had such a short time to settle in before the game," Fleming said.

"Overall I thought we

MAN OF THE MATCH  
TREVOR FRANCIS

were well below our best but still managed to get out on top of them clearly in the last half hour."

After Francis' early goal, Adelaide drew level in the 25th minute when Sergio Melta scored from the penalty spot.

Referee Richard Lorenc awarded the penalty after Randall Easthorpe pulled down Steve Maxwell in the box.

It wasn't until the 62nd minute that Wollongong regained its lead and this time, Easthorpe was active at the other end of the field.

He made a strong run of more than 40 metres and allowed Brazil to swoon on the ball and place it out of Zabica's reach.

Adelaide was disappointing in mid-field with only Brian Northcote performing up to expectations.

For Wollongong, central midfielder Bryan Cokely had his best game of the season while Mike Hollifield did well at left fullback.

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## VICTORIAN LEAGUE Division One

**Knox City 1 Nunawading City 1**  
KNOX: C. McKay (R. Bakker-45), P. Jamieson, M. Stoffels, N. Murrey, R. Sinclair, H. McCann, J. Williams (N. Pate-45), L. Saisi, B. Thom, D. Brogan, P. Lutgens.

**NUNAWADING: G. Sullivan, C. Calafiore, J. Samtoy, C. Servinis (C. Barker-64), J. O'Reilly, P. Chiaravalle, A. Christidis, D. Azzopardi, T. Neal, I. Greener, C. Jerez.**

SOME clinical finishing enabled Nunawading to comfortably win this local derby. After 15 minutes Azzopardi headed home a Greener free kick only for another forward to be ruled offside. Twelve minutes later a dummy by Azzopardi left Neal in the clear and he coolly slotted the ball past McKay.

On the half hour, Greener played the ball across the edge of the penalty area. Azzopardi knocked it back into the path of Chiaravalle whose drive flashed into the corner of the net.

McKay palmed a shot from Calafiore onto the post as Nunawading continued to press. After the break Knox played some neat football and had more of the game territorially. But two breakaway goals in two minutes sealed the match.

A cross from Christidis was knocked back by Azzopardi for Greener to net. Then a long clearance was spectacularly hooked into the net from 25 metres by Azzopardi.

Knox scored their consolation in the 81st minute when Brogan headed home after good approach work by Lutgens.

**DIVISION TWO**  
**Waverley City 2 Port Melbourne 0**  
WAVERLEY: M. Perree, Storey, Wilson, Patterson, A. Perree, Drouge, Grimwade (capt.), Rusmir, Ireson, Tasapatis, Parkin, Subs. Roberts, G. Pavlou, Res. Keep, K. Pavlou.

**PORT MELB: A. Akritidis, Keretizidis, Gessos, J. Pasakos, L. Akritidis, Kasmers, Myles, Michalakopoulos, Rizopoulos, Kourelis, Xynas, Subs. Patsooras, Doukakis, Tsifilidis, Res. Keep, C. Pasakos.**

THE first half was evenly matched with both sides having chances to go ahead.

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Albion 1 Frankston Pines 2	
Altona Gate 2 Essendon City 0	

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Springside 2 Yallourn 4	
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Hawthorn 2 Mooroolbark 1	
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#### PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

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Regent 1 Prahran 2	
West Meadows 2 Brunswick City 1	
Ardeer 3 Mossfield 0	
Ballaarat 0 North Sunshine 2	
Central City 1 Melton 6	
Clayton 0 Malvern City 0	

DIVISION THREE	
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Sth Springside 4 St Kilda 3	
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Wentworth 2 Kensington United 1	
Forest Hill 1 Port United 2	
Ascot St Marks Parkmore 0	
Birons 2 South Dandenong 1	
Carrum United 3 Meadow Park 0	

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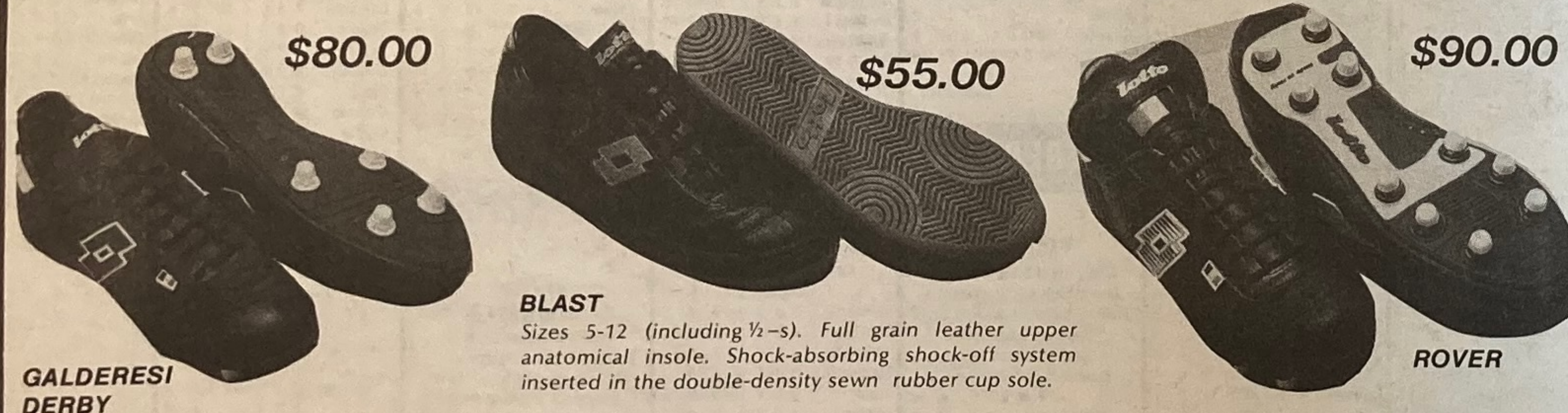
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Melbourne Croatia v  
Wollongong City  
Footscray v  
St George  
George Cross v  
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**STATE LEAGUE**  
**Saturday May 28th**  
St Albans v  
Morwell Falcons  
Oakleigh v  
Bulleen v

**Sunday May 29th**  
Ringwood City v  
Caulfield City  
Northcote City v  
Fawkner  
Box Hill v  
Green Gully  
Maryborough v  
Heidelberg Utd.  
Thomastown v  
Western Subs  
Springvale City v  
Croydon City

**VIC LEAGUE**  
**DIVISION ONE**  
**Saturday May 28th**  
Essendon City v  
Broadmeadows City  
Nunawading City v  
Albion  
Mooroolbark v  
Knox City  
Werribee v  
Sunbury Utd.  
Mordialloc v  
Westgate

**Sunday May 29th**  
Frankston Pines v  
Altona Gate  
Richmond v  
Dandenong

**DIVISION TWO**  
**Saturday May 28th**  
Keilor v  
Eltham  
Yarraville v  
Doncaster Rovers  
Doveton v  
Clifton Hill  
Altona City v  
Port Melb  
Prahr/Brighton v  
Waverly City  
Ringwood United v  
Heidelberg City  
Sandringham City v  
North Geelong

**DIVISION THREE**  
**Saturday May 28th**  
LaOr United v  
Hamlyn Rangers  
Moorabbin City v  
Clarinda  
Corio/Geelong v  
Hawthorn  
Morland Park Rangers  
Coburg  
Yallourne v  
Bell Park  
Geelong v  
Seaford United  
Mornington v  
Springvale

**DIVISION FOUR**  
**Saturday May 28th**  
Karingal United v  
Holland Park  
Williamstown v  
Ferntree Gully  
Keysborough v  
East Bruns/Ivanhoe  
Pascoe Vale v  
Chelsea  
Rosanna v  
Boronia  
Langwarrin v  
Bentleigh Greens

**PROVISIONAL**  
**LEAGUE**  
**DIVISION ONE**  
**Saturday May 28th**  
Malvern City v  
Diamond Valley Utd.  
Melton V  
Clayton  
Nth. Sunshine v  
Central City  
Mossfield v  
Ballarat  
Brunswick City v  
Ardeer  
Prahran v  
West Meadows

**DIVISION TWO**  
**Saturday May 28th**  
East Geelong v  
Dingley/Skye  
Glenroy v  
Cranbourne

Lalor v  
Batman United  
Monash University v  
Ascot Vale  
Monbulk v  
Berwick City  
Oakleigh Suburbs v  
South Yarra  
Springvale Condors v  
Waverly/Mul

**DIVISION THREE**  
**Saturday May 28th**  
Meadow Park v  
Kensington United  
South Dandenong v  
Carrum United  
Parkmore v  
Britons  
Port United v  
Ascot St Marks  
Ringwood Rovers v  
Forest Hill  
St. Kilda v  
Uni of Melbourne  
South Springvale v  
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**DIVISION FOUR**  
**Saturday May 28th**  
Lyndale United v  
Fitzroy City  
Bye v  
Kew Eagles  
Northern United v  
Mitcham United  
Riversdale v  
Debnay Park  
Altona United v  
West United

**AMATEUR LEAGUE**  
**DIVISION ONE**  
**Sunday May 29th**  
Endeavour Hills v  
Collingwood City  
Waverly Wanderers v  
Balwyn City  
Hawthorn United v  
Anstey United  
Keilor United v  
Phillip Institute  
Latrobe University v  
Northern Suburbs

**DIVISION TWO**  
**Sunday May 29th**  
Maccabi v  
Intercity  
Oakleigh United v  
East Richmond  
Furlan United v  
Diamond Valley  
Old Scotch v  
Concorde  
R.M.I.T. v  
Camberwell  
C'berwell Grammer  
Upfield v  
Yarra United

**NORTH EASTERN**  
**SOCCER LEAGUE**  
**Sunday May 29th**  
Lennos v S  
South Shepparton  
Shepparton United v  
Cobram  
Tatura v  
Benella

## BEARDSLEY BEATS SCOTLAND

SCOTLAND manager  
Andy Roxburgh was full of  
praise on Saturday for Liver-  
pool's Peter Beardsley, whose  
13th-minute goal was enough  
to give England a 1-0 Rous  
Cup victory at Wembley.

The Scottish boss was  
moved to say: "The bottom  
line is that Beardsley comes  
from God — no coach has  
produced him. At this time,  
God is not smiling on us."

"In their first attack Eng-  
land got the break that really  
mattered. It was a killer goal.  
But we showed character,  
fought back. Right to the end  
we could have equalised but  
(Peter) Shilton's foot saved  
the day."

His English counterpart  
Bobby Robson singled out  
goalkeeper Jim Leighton as  
Scotland's best player, but  
reserved most of his praise  
for Beardsley and the Liver-  
pool player's brilliant fifth  
goal for his country: "It was  
a marvellous individual goal.  
For his running, brightness  
and work throughout the  
match I thought he was our  
best player."

Scotland's performance  
could have been predicted by  
just about anyone and if  
there was a surprise, it was  
that England allowed its  
heavily-depleted opponent to  
get off so lightly.

In view of the somewhat  
pragmatic team forced upon  
Scottish manager Andy Rox-  
burgh, following the high  
number of withdrawals from  
his squad, not even Mr Mi-  
cawber would have envisaged  
a way back into the game for  
them once Peter Beardsley  
struck his superb winning  
goal in the 13th minute.

There were occasional en-  
couraging moments from the  
Scots from then on — espe-  
cially when Tommy Burns  
and Frank Gallacher came  
on near the end — but it says  
much about the overall pat-  
tern of the game that Jim  
Leighton was again their  
best player.

The world's oldest interna-  
tional fixture has clearly lost  
much of its appeal. Before  
the kick-off even the official  
car park attendants were yel-  
ling that they had tickets to  
sell. Though the attendance  
of 70,480 seemed reasonable  
enough for a basically mean-  
ingless match, it is expected  
to be equalled if not sur-  
passed by next Saturday's  
Sherpa Van Trophy final be-  
tween Burnley and Wolves.

There was little to encour-  
age the thought that those  
who stayed away from Wem-  
bley were bad judges, except  
perhaps for that memorable  
Beardsley goal which, ironi-  
cally, came after a bright  
start by the Scots.

There seemed no danger to  
the Scottish defence when  
Gary Stevens directed a  
throw-in towards Beardsley  
on the right. But the Liver-  
pool player caused confusion  
with a glorious dummy and  
then, after swapping passes  
with Barnes, took the ball on  
to beat Leighton from close  
in.

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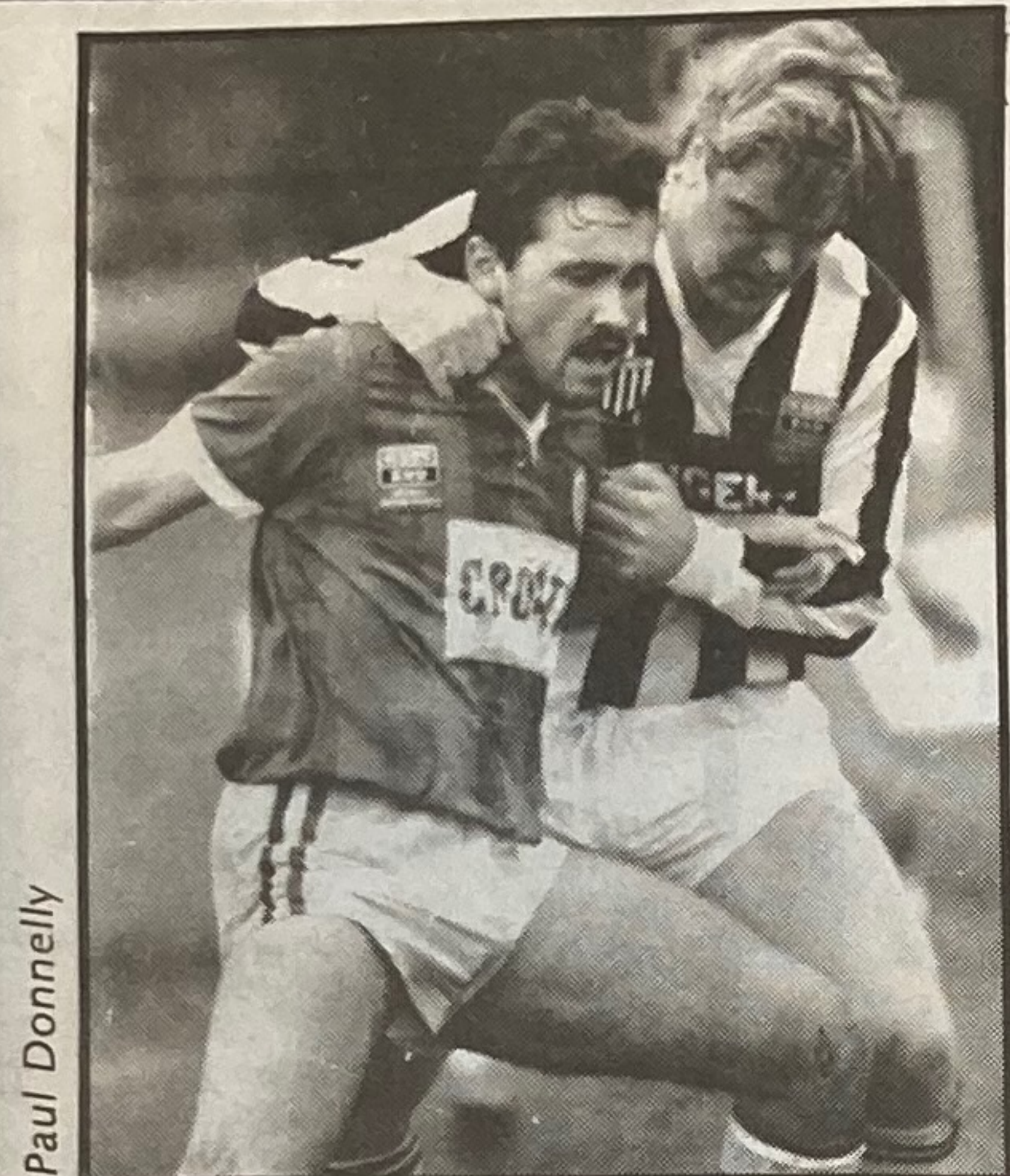
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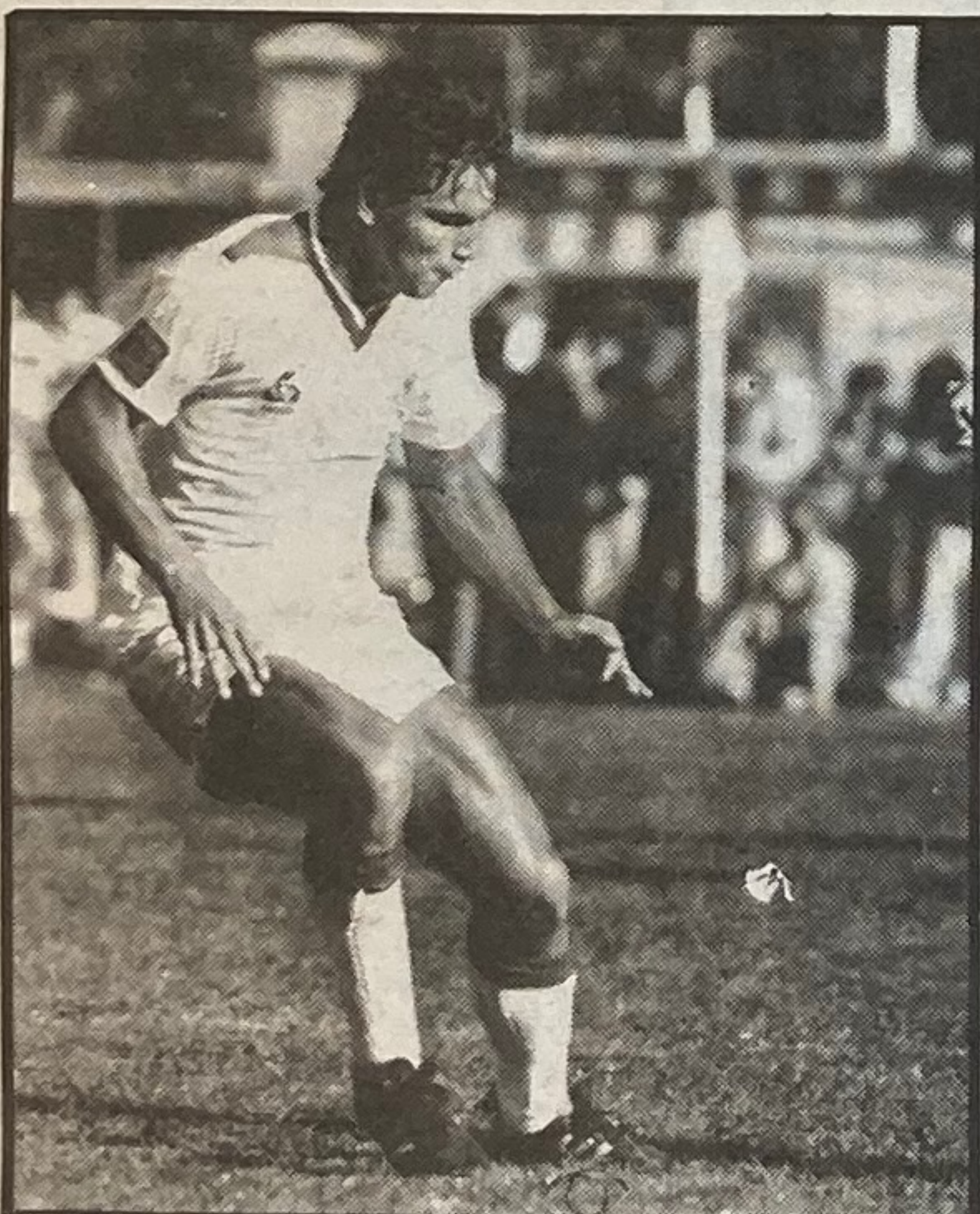
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**SCHINTLER RESERVE**

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V  
BRISBANE LIONS**

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K.O. 2.30 PM



Jason Kearlton

**ADELAIDE CITY v PRESTON MAKEDONIA**  
OLYMPIC SPORTSFIELD K.O. 2.30 PM

**MARCONI v SOUTH MELBOURNE**  
MARCONI STADIUM K.O. 2.30 PM

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC v BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS**  
SYDNEY FOOTBALL STADIUM K.O. 2.30 PM

**APIA LEIGHARDT v SYDNEY CROATIA**  
LAMBERT PARK K.O. 2.30 PM